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A Virginia Statesman

VIRGINIA lost one of its most valuable statesmen in the passing of Senator Charles Thomas Moses of Appomattox County. He had a statewide viewpoint, first and foremost, and the faculty of fitting the best interests of his constituency into this broad conception. That, we believe, was Senator Moses' strong point in his work in the Virginia Legislature. No one ever wondered where Charlie Moses stood on any matter. His advocacy of progressive programs for Virginia ranged from good roads in the 1920s to the Civil War Centennial in the 1960s. He was straightforward, enthusiastic, energetic and determined in his efforts in private life as well as public life.

A warm friend, an untiring worker, a loyal supporter, a compassionate advocate, Charlie Moses will be greatly missed. It will take a big man to fill his place in our area or in the State of Virginia.

Thanksgiving 1964

LORD, behold our family here assembled. We thank Thee for this place in which we dwell; for the love that unites us; for the peace accorded us this day; for the hope with which we expect the morrow; for the health, the work, the food, and the bright skies, that make our lives delightful; for our friends in all parts of the earth, and our friendly helpers . . . Let peace abound in our small company.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

The Pastor Speaks

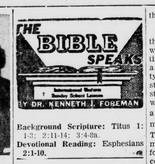
Rev. Thomas Waddill

Thank you Lord for . . . Today marks the annual observance of Thanksgiving, a festival begun in this country more than 300 years ago. There are conflicting claims as to the exact date and place of its origin. However, many other observances there may have been prior to 1621, it seems rather certain that it is our Puritan forefathers of Massachusetts to whom we trace Thanksgiving. After a winter of near starvation, a summer of bountiful crops and friendly relations with the Indians caused the Pilgrims to face their second winter in the new world with renewed confidence. They attributed their good fortune to God's goodness, and marked it with an appropriate service of prayer and thanksgiving.

Through the years that have followed, Thanksgiving has at times become more secular than religious in its observance. For most people today it is a holiday rather than a holy day. It does not have time even to spend one hour in God's house offering our thanks to Him. Rather, we spend time in hunting or feasting. Perhaps in these activities we can be truly grateful to the God who made us. However, it seems to me that we can show our gratitude in more appropriate ways. May I encourage you to attend the Thanksgiving service at 9 a. m. this morning at Memorial Methodist Church.

In regard to the giving of thanks, one woman said, "I am thankful for a thankful heart." How wonderful it is to be blessed with a grateful heart, a heart which overflows with thanksgiving throughout the year. In a world of so many material blessings we are apt to develop the attitude that these things are our just deserts, that we work for them and that no one else has had a hand in making it possible for us to have them. We need to recognize our dependence on others for what we have. We are not self-sufficient. God has created the smiverse and made us to be His stewards over it. We owe a great deal to others who have gone before us and made it easier for us to have the things which make life pleasant and worthwhile.

Thanksgiving Day is neither a time for hilarious merrymaking, nor the sole day for the giving of thanks. Rather it is a day in which we should so fan the flames of gratitude in our hearts that thanksgiving will become a habit of life during the other 364 days. Thank you Lord . . . for being able to give thanks.



Background Scripture: Titus 1: 1-2; 2:11-14; 3:4-8a.
Devotional Reading: Esphesians 2:1-10.

Gospel In Brief

Lesson for November 29, 1964

This week we shall do something a little different. This is an invitation to study the Bible together. The verses under "Background Scripture" are remarkable in bringing out, in their brief sentences, many of the most vital truths taught by the Christian Church. Taught to the church, we ought to say, first of all, for what the church teaches she first learned, at least in vital germ, from her own first teacher, Paul, and above him, our Lord himself.

The Grace of God

The word of "grace" often means gracefulness, as when we speak of the grace of a violinists' work, or the invitation of a hostess. In the New Testament it means graciousness, a quality some people have without knowing it, the quality we associate with true aristocracy. We can say for instance that Dean Rusk is a more gracious character than Gromyko. Grace is not the same thing as goodness: some people can be mighty good without being very gracious. Grace is goodness come to life, living. In the New Testament the grace (Graciousness) of God is mentioned far oftener than the grace of men. (Why should this be?) The New Testament speaks often of the grace of God as something which has up to now not been well known or understood. For the crowning act of God's grace is the gift of his son, Jesus Christ, the living, walking grace of God in human living. The supreme moment of that grace, of course, is Christ's identifying himself with sinners and being willing to "give his life a ransom for many" — to use his own words. The grace of God and the Saviorhood of Jesus are not two different things; they might almost be called, from the Christian point of view, the same thing.

How Christian Life Begins

Paul speaks here also of how the Christian life begins. It starts with what theologians call "justification," which literally means a judge's verdict of "Not Guilty". Justification refers to man's status in God's sight, not to his state. A newborn baby is in a wretched state. He badly needs a bath. But he is his parents' much-loved child all the same. They do not demand that he must do something lovable before they love him: they welcome him with love even before he is born. God is like that. He loved us before we were born not because of what we have done but because he is love.

How Christian Life Operates

The life of God in the life of man: how does this operate? There is mystery here, to be sure, but some things are clear. One truth is that it means to be daily, even constantly renewed. The Christian's life is not an automatic business that starts with one big Bang! and keeps on with no further effort. The greatest Christians are those who feel most strongly the need of being continually re-created. This has its definite effects. The Christian is one who becomes with the passage of time, more and more godly, that is, God-like. This is so tremendous we sometimes shrink from it. We would go to the Son to be like our parents or someone else we admire. Our heavenly Father wants us most of all to be like himself. He wants us to love what he loves and to hate what he hates. Finally (though much here has not been touched) the Christian lives a life of hope. He expects Christ to be Lord of All. No Christian ever wept that he was born so late for the Golden Age. The Golden Age for us is not in some lost yesterday, it is the great tomorrow, when all tears have been wiped away and God shall be all in all.

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Hollywood

Mrs. R. M. Webb and Mrs. David Repass and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hancock and family Tuesday afternoon.

Tommy Gene Banton, of Richmond, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Banton, has been on the sick list. We are so glad he is recovering nicely.

Those visiting Mrs. C. E. Franklin Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jenkins and Cynthia, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goin, Judy, Brenda and Peggy, Mr. J. G. Franklin, Mr. D. L. Smith and Mr. David Franklin.

Friends are sorry to learn Mr. Howard Smith is sick. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. W. T. Covington, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bagby called in the home of Mrs. Nona Bryant, of Cullen, Sunday afternoon. We are sorry to report Mrs. Bryant is not so well. We hope she may soon be better.

Mrs. Robert Gilbert, of Appomattox, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wingfield, Julia and Mary Ellen visited Mrs. Clem Woodall and infant daughter in Virginia Baptist Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] called in the h[illegible] C. W. Stanfo[illegible] afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jo[illegible] Lovington, [illegible] Rachel Gilbert [illegible] guests of Mr. [illegible] Webb and fa[illegible]

Those visiting [illegible] Charlie Bagby and [illegible] H. W. Wingfield [illegible] day were Mr. [illegible] Woodall, of Lyn[illegible] Mrs. J. A. Sandi[illegible] of Farmville, Mrs. [illegible]ton, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] mond, Carlie [illegible]

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The "Theme" for the week was Education Pays Dividends and Mr. Smith spoke on Wednesday's theme "Education Pays Dividends In Good Citizenship. He pointed out that we should be good citizens around the school, in our homes and in our communities. He also advised all students to stay in school. It was pointed out that 55 percent of Carver's students dropped out between grades 8-12.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Wingfield, of Richmond, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Mundy Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Watts Moore and Kenneth.

We are glad to hear Mundy Moore is improving at this time.

Darkleaf

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We must march, my Darlings. . . We must bear the brunt of danger.

We, the youthful . . the sinewy race . . .

On the rest on us depend! Pioneers! O Pioneers!

"The South 40"

by JAMES A. SMITH
COUNTY AGENT

Talking with Jack Cawthorne last week — he tells me he's all through with his tobacco. Just waiting for the market to open. Most growers seem to agree that tobacco sold before Christmas brings more money. Tobacco should be bulked down as soon as it's safe. Tobacco left hanging goes in and out of order as the weather changes. This causes it to lose weight and certainly, it affects color and texture. The bulk should be on a platform of tobacco sticks or boards. This allows the air to circulate under the bulk; cover with clean burlap or cotton bags.

Mrs. F. M. Alley called to my attention that her crocus bulbs planted this fall were emerging from the soil. This is rather unusual, but then we've been having unusual weather this fall. This reminds me that earlier in the fall, Miss Virginia Shirey had crocus in bloom. She told me that there are fall flowering varieties as well as those we normally see in the spring. You may like to try some.

Last Wednesday, the Soil Conservation Service distributed 24-80 Channel Catfish to pond owners. They were raised in North Carolina, but their parents were from the James River. Also being distributed were a 70 to 30 ratio of Blue Gill and Shell Crackers. Nearly 12,000 of these were put out.

Soluble salts are sometimes a problem with young plants or transplants. Last Spring, a tobacco plant bed in the Pamplin area had about a 20 percent stand. A soil test showed the soluble salts to be 1700 ppm. A normal plant bed would have 200-300 ppm. Recently we tested the soil again to determine how rapidly the salt concentration reduced. In six months it was down to 525 ppm. We believe that the cause of the high amount of salts came from applying ashes from the home during the winter months.

Nematodes may be more of a problem in tobacco than most of us usually think. You can reduce the nematode infestation by plowing up the tobacco roots. Let them be exposed to the sun for about a week, then run a harrow over to knock off any remaining soil.

Tuesday, December 1, at the Court House, beginning at 9:30 a.m., a discussion of farm taxes will be presented. There are some changes that you may want to familiarize yourself about. The presentation has been given in a number of counties and has had a most cordial reception. Believe you will find it worth your time to attend. The meeting should be over by 3:30.

Corn Cob Jelly

It's getting close to that time of year when one begins to think, "What can I give for Christmas," or, "What can I give that he doesn't already have?" Last week, a travelling salesman told me about something that may just be what you are looking for, for that city cousin. It's about like making something out of nothing. Take 12 corn cobs, wash and break into small parts. Add three pints of water and cook for 30 minutes Strain — should have 3 cups; if not, add enough water to make 3 cups. Add one package of Sure-Jell. Bring to a rolling boil—add 3 cups sugar; cook for 3 minutes, or until it jells. This is Corn Cob Jelly. The travelling salesman reported that this was becoming quite popular in parts of Southwest Virginia. So popular, in fact that red corn cobs are selling for 50c a bushel. Oh, yes! I've tried it— first jelly I ever made.

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— Church News —

New Hope Baptist Church
M. E. Jacobs, Pastor
Sunday School 11 a.m. — Morning Worship
Message — "Where Are The Ther Nine?"
6:30 p.m. — Training Union
7:30 p.m. —Evening Worship
Message — "Preparing For The Last Judgment"

Memorial Methodist Church
F. S. Wagoner, Minister
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sermon Sub: "How Shall I Escape?"
Chapel Choir 5 p.m.
Methodist Youth Fellowship 6:15
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
Tues. 7:30 Santuary Choir
Wed. 3:30 p.m. Youth Choir
Wed. 7:30 p.m. Official Board
Thurs. 7:00 Men's Chorus

Calendar of Activities

Liberty Baptist Church
Robert L. Alderman, Pastor

SUNDAY
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School
11:00 a.m. — Worship
6:00 p.m. — Celestial Choir
6:30 p.m. — Training Union
7:30 p.m. — Worship

WEDNESDAY
3:30 p.m. — Carol Choir
6:30 p.m — Concord Choir
7:30 p.m. — Prayer Meeting
8:00 p.m. — Church Choir

FRIDAY
3:30 p.m. — Cherub Choir

Appomattox Seventh-day Adventist Church
Earnest D. Clark, Pastor

A Thank You From the Indians of North America. Recently this "Thank You" message came to us through our official church organ of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Review and Herold, published in Washington, D.C.

What a thrill came to our hearts when we received word that the Thirteenth Sabbath offering overflow for the second quarter of 1964 for the Indian work in North America. "Overflowed" beyond any previous second quarter offering. The response from overseas divisions was most heartening, and reflect the fact that "All ye are brethren" (Matt. 23:8) The $84,164.97 is $11,000 more than anticipated. To all you overseas and in North America. We say thank you very much for your wonderful response may God bless you all signed Wesley Amundsen.

Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11 o'clock
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Red Oak Baptist Church
Oakville, Va.
Pastor — Keith Whitehead
Supt. of S. S. — Robert Lucado
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Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.
Training Union — 6:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Prac. Wed at 8
Youth Choir Prac Thurs. at 7
Bible Study and Prayer Wed. at 7:30 p.m.
Christian Builders Circle Dec. 1

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Appomattox Pentecostal Holiness Church
Sunday School — 10 a.m.
Morning Worship — 11 a.m.
Youth Service — 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service — 7:45 p.m.
Prayer Meeting — Thurs. 7:45
Revival will begin Wednesday, Nov. 25 continuing through Sunday.
Full Gospel Preaching and special singing nightly. Services will begin at 7:45 p.m.

St. Ann's Episcopal Church
Oaklelah Ave., Appomattox
The Rev. Jack D. Adams, Jr., Vicar
Nov. 29, 1964: The First Sunday in Advent (Beginning of the Church Year)
9:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer and Sermon
10:30 a.m. — Church School
The Collect: Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen (This Collect is to be repeated every day, after the other Collects in Advent, until Christmas Day.)

Missionary Will Speak In Concord

The Rev. Gene Phillips, Southern Baptist Missionary to Southern Rhodesia, currently on furlough to the United States, will be guest speaker Nov. 29, at the 8 p.m., worship service at Calvary Baptist Church at Concord.

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